W. C. T. U. Column.



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C. T. U. WATCHWORDS: EDUCATE!

W. C.-T. U PRINCIPLES:

Total Abstinence; Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic; One Standard of Morals for Men and Women; Home Protection; Equal Suffrage; and the Teaching of Scientific Temperance in Public Schools.

Prohibition Pays.

The benefits of prohibition are so clearly apparent in comprison with the havoe wrought by drink, that there really is but one side to the argument. The benefits of temperance are manifested in happy homes, sane and substantial business conditions, and a higher moral tone in a community. On the other hand while the liquor traffic may appear to stimulate business, the reaction to normal adjustment more than offsets any apparent benefits derived. Broken homes, blighted lives and ruined careers make the wreckage left in the trail of drink. The law of compensation holds. An excellent example of prosperity under prohibition rule is presented here in Manassas. Business conditions were never better, declare merchants, improvements are visible on every hand, and there is every indication that the town has entered upon the greatest era of development in its history. Were it not for the present conditions Manassas would never have been chosen as the site for Eastern College, or for the State Agricultural College, acquisitions which are destined to make the town one of the greatest educational centers in this section of the country. — Mannassas (Va.) the country. - Mannassas (Va.) Democrat.

Foolish Talk.

"Topeka, capital of dry Kansas, swept by the 'wets," reported the liquor papers after the April election. But the Kansas Issue, organ of the State Temperance Society,

replied thus: It is foolish talk. Topeka will never be an open town again. The people will not stand for it. Seventy-five per cent. of the people are in full sympathy with our drastic state law and want to see it thoroughly enforced. The commission form of government consists of a mayor and four commissioners, five in all, and three

are known as radical dry men.

Again, the county officials are dry men, and any move towards an open city would be promptly

Again, the governor of the state lives in Topeka, and anyone who knows Governor Stubbs knows that as long as he re- 28 mains governor no lifting of the lid will be tolerated again.

Attorney General Jackson lives in Topeka; so do Assistant At-torneys General Marshall and Shukers. All this showing, and the additional fact that twentyfive per cent. of the people can recall any commissioner that goes wrong, and the certainty that this will be done if necessary, will have a tendency to keep all officials good.

The average saloon is the most disreputible place in the community; it is a bureau of information on vice; it is the first place one would enter to inquire for a gambling hell or for at disorderly house. It is likewise the first place visited by the officers of the law when they are looking for a criminal, and the first place closed in case of riot or disturbance. Those who defend the open saadvantage .- The Commoner.

There is rejoicing in Missouri W. C. T. U. circles over a promising union organized May 18th,at Ironton. Mrs. M. J. Francis is the president. Ironton is the key to Iron county, a region famous for Iron Mountain, which every old-time geography used to picture, Pilot Knob, where a battle was fought, Ironton, where General Grant received his commission, and Graniteville, where the government has reserved a public domain for all time, because of the marvel of granite, piled and heaped in titanic masses everywhere. Iron county won means the drying out of a district. -Union Signal.

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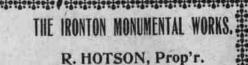
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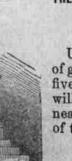
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